

(b) if so, how many of them have been covered under this scheme;

(c) whether petitions have been received from the families of those killed regarding non-allotment of them;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when all the entitled families are likely to be covered under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (e) The Government have formulated a Special Scheme for allotment of 500 LPG distributorships/retail outlet dealerships to widows/dependents of Defence personnel killed in action in Kargil. Allotment under the Special Scheme is made on the recommendation of the Ministry of Defence. So far, allotments to 281 persons have been approved by the Government. A decision regarding allotments to the remaining persons will be taken on the basis of the economic feasibility survey of locations made by the oil companies.

Requirement of Kerosene and Diesel

1635. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of kerosene oil/diesel in each State, particularly in Uttar Pradesh and Delhi;

(b) whether any quota has been fixed by Government during the year 2000-2001;

(c) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(d) if not, specific reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E.

PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (e) Kerosene is an allocated product and annual allocation is made by Central Government to States/UTs for distribution through Public Distribution System (PDS). The distribution through PDS is monitored by State Government/Union Territories Administration. The annual quota for the year 2000-2001 for Uttar Pradesh and Delhi is 1440246 MTs and 204672 MTs respectively. The total requirement of diesel in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Delhi is met fully.

Setting up of Petrol Pumps and LPG Agencies in SC/ST dominated areas of U.P.

1636. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of petrol pumps and LPG agencies functioning in Uttar Pradesh as on 30th April, 2000;

(b) whether new petrol pumps and LPG agencies would be set up in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh where Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe people are dominating; and

(c) if so, the details of steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) As on 1.4.2000, there were 2426 retail outlets and 738 LPG distributorships in operation in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) and (c) In addition to the locations pending from the previous Marketing Plans, 37 locations falling in 'E' class market (i.e., remote areas not covered by National Highways/State Highways and pockets of agricultural concentration having no retail outlets within 10 km radius) for setting up of retail outlets and 54 locations for setting up LPG distributorships for rural areas have been included in the Marketing Plans 1996-98 for the State of Uttar Pradesh.

For making early selection of dealers/distributors, 10 Dealer